AO 106 (Rev. 7/87) Affidavit for Search Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Search of

Cubicle Assignment 1E-254
Geico - 1st Floor, East Section
14111 Danielson Street
Poway, California 92064

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT

FOR SEARCH WARRANT

CASE NUMBER: '07 MJ 2620

I David J. Eaton being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigations and have reason to believe

that ___ on the person of or X on the property or premises known as

See Attachment A

in the Southern District of California, there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely

See Attachment B

which is the fruits, instrumentalities and evidence

concerning violations of Title 18 United States Code, Section 2113(a)

The facts to support a finding of Probable Cause are as follows:

See attached affidavit - continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof.

[signature], FBI
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

11/7/07 @ 4:07 pm at *San Diego, California*
Date/Time issued

Cathy Ann Bencivengo, United States Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

[signature]
Signature of Judicial Officer
CATHY ANN BENCIVENGO
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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ATTACHMENT A

Description of Property To Be Searched

Tamera Prazma's desk
Geico
Cubicle Assignment 1E-254
1st Floor, East Section
14111 Danielson Street
Poway, California 92064

The desk is described as a shared cubical, identified as 1E-254, located on the first floor in the direct handlers area, on the east section of the Geico building, 14111 Danielson Street, Poway, California 92064. The desk area includes two shelves on one cubicle wall, and a three-drawer unit located under the desk.

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ATTACHMENT B

Any and all evidence related or pertaining to the September 14, 2007 robbery of the Washington Mutual Bank, 2644 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, California, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Clothing and other items worn during the robbery, as depicted in the bank surveillance photographs, to include: A blonde woman's wig; dark plastic-framed sunglasses; light blue denim pants; and a maroon or peach-colored, long-sleeved, button-down shirt with pockets on the left and right chest area.

2. Proceeds from the robbery to include: United States currency, currency straps, other items that may contain bank markings, any items evidencing the expenditure of bank robbery proceeds, including recent sales receipt or items purchased since September 14, 2007.

3. Articles of personal property, including but not limited to writings, correspondence, notes, practice or draft demand notes, maps, telephone records, receipts relating to the planning of the commission of a bank robbery and/or the existence of a conspiracy to commit a bank robbery.

4. Articles of personal property relating to the obtaining, secreting, transfer, expenditure and/or concealment of money and assets derived from the commission of the September 14, 2007, bank robbery, including books, receipts for any significant purchases, records, bank statements and records, credit card statements and records, business records, money drafts, money order and cashiers check receipts, and records of safety deposit boxes and storage lockers.

5. Evidence of Dominion and Control, to include documents and articles of personal property relating to the identity of persons occupying, frequenting or controlling the desk space therein, including personal identification documents.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

INTRODUCTION

I, David J. Eaton, being duly sworn, depose and say:

I. EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

1. I am a Special Agent (S/A) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed since June, 1988. I am currently assigned to the San Diego Field Office where my primary duties include the investigation of Bank Robberies and other violent crimes. I have investigated bank robberies for approximately 10 years. I have interviewed individuals charged with committing bank robberies and am familiar with the methods commonly used to commit bank robberies.

II. PURPOSE OF THIS AFFIDAVIT

2. This Affidavit is made in support of: an application for a warrant to search the location of: TAMERA PRAZMA's desk at Geico, Cubicle Assignment 1E-254, 1st Floor, East Section, 14111 Danielson Street, Poway, California 92064 (workspace of TAMERA PRAZMA) (the "SUBJECT PREMISES"). The SUBJECT PREMISES are more fully described in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Based on the facts set forth herein, I believe there is probable cause to believe that TAMERA PRAZMA ("PRAZMA") has committed bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2113(a).

4. Because this Affidavit is offered for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant, it does not contain all the information that the government possesses relative to this investigation.

III. SCHEDULE OF EVIDENCE TO BE SEIZED

5. A list of the specific items to be seized from the SUBJECT PREMISES is

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attached hereto, and incorporated herein, as Attachments B. Based on my training and experience, as detailed above, and on information obtained in the course of this investigation, as detailed below, I believe there is probable cause to believe that the items listed in Attachment B will be found at the SUBJECT PREMISES.

IV. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION AND PROBABLE CAUSE TO SEARCH THE SUBJECT PREMISES

6. On Saturday, September 15, 2007, I conducted interviews at the Washington Mutual Bank, 2644 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, California, which had been robbed on Friday, September 14, 2007.

7. I have learned the following from the victim teller: On Friday, September 14, at approximately 5:10 p.m., the victim teller was working at her teller window when a lone white female, later identified as TAMERA ANNE PRAZMA, approached her teller window. PRAZMA placed a sealed white envelope onto the teller counter. The victim teller asked, "Deposit?" thinking it was a legitimate business transaction. PRAZMA did not respond. The victim teller opened the envelope and found a robbery demand note inside. The demand note read, "DO NOT HIT ALARM. ONLY 100's AND 50's. NO DYE PACKS AND NO BAIT. FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS AND NO ONE GETS HURT. 10K - Put in envelope." PRAZMA held her hands at her side where the victim teller could not see them. The victim teller complied with the demand note and placed U.S. currency from her teller drawer into a bank envelope. PRAZMA took the loot from the victim teller, turned and walked out of the bank via the north lobby doors. The victim teller immediately activated her robbery alarm and told other employees that she had just been robbed. The victim teller looked outside the bank and observed the robber getting into the driver's seat of what she described as a newer model black Ford F250 pickup truck which was parked in the lot just north of the bank. The pickup truck backed out of the parking space and quickly drove away. The victim teller described the robber as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Female

Height:	5'6" - 5'8"
Build:	Stocky; large torso
Disguise:	Bushy blonde hair past the shoulders; possibly a wig
Clothing:	Faded maroon flannel button-down long-sleeved shirt with beige buttons
Glasses:	Large, black plastic framed sunglasses

8. I have reviewed Crime/Incident Reports prepared by Deputies of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Those reports include the statement of a bank employee/witness who was interviewed on September 14, 2007, shortly after the robbery of the Washington Mutual Bank, 2644 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, California, who advised as follows: Immediately after she was notified that the bank had just been robbed, the witness observed a female matching the robber's description getting into the driver's seat of a dark blue newer model Ford F150 pickup truck bearing California disabled license plate DP0283A. The getaway vehicle backed out of the parking space and fled the area. I have also reviewed the color bank surveillance photographs from that robbery. Based on my review of those photographs, it appears that the bank robber is wearing a peach-colored, long-sleeved, button down, collared shirt with pockets on the left and right chest area, light blue denim jeans, and women's type sandals with crossed straps on the top of each foot.

9. On Wednesday, October 24, 2007, I reviewed a report prepared by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The DMV report listed all California disabled license plates assigned to Ford vehicles in the County of San Diego. During my review of that report, I identified vehicle license plate 0283A DP as being assigned to a Ford vehicle. The registered owners of that vehicle were identified as RANDY PRAZMA and TAMERA PRAZMA, 964 - 12th Street, Imperial Beach, California. DMV records described TAMERA PRAZMA as a white female, 5'2" tall, weighing 175 pounds. I obtained a color photograph of TAMERA PRAZMA's California Driver's License.

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10. On Thursday, October 25, 2007, at approximately 9:15 a.m., I observed a newer model navy blue Ford F150 pickup truck, bearing California Disabled Plate 0283A DP, parked on the street at the entrance to the west alley of the 900 block of 12th Street, Imperial Beach, California.

11. On Thursday, October 25, 2007, at approximately 9:20 a.m., I contacted TAMERA PRAZMA at 964 - 12th Street, Imperial Beach, California, which she confirmed was her residence. TAMERA PRAZMA also confirmed that the Ford F150 pickup truck bearing California license plate 0283A DP, which was parked nearby, belonged to her and her husband. During that contact, I was accompanied by another FBI Special Agent who informed me that he observed what appeared to be a new flat screen television inside PRAZMA's residence.

12. On Thursday, October 25, 2007, at approximately 10:00 a.m., I interviewed TAMERA PRAZMA at the San Diego FBI Field Office. After being advised of her Constitutional Miranda rights, PRAZMA advised that she wished to speak to her attorney before answering questions. At that point, the interview was terminated and PRAZMA was taken into custody. During the course of the booking process, I observed that PRAZMA's sandals appeared to be identical to the sandals worn by the bank robber as depicted in the surveillance photographs from the September 14, 2007, robbery of the Washington Mutual Bank, 2644 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, California. PRAZMA's sandals were subsequently seized as evidence.

13. Based on my review of TAMERA PRAZMA's DMV photograph, as well as my personal observations of TAMERA PRAZMA's physique, it appears that TAMERA PRAZMA is the same individual depicted in bank surveillance photographs as the individual who robbed the Washington Mutual Bank, 2644 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, California, on September 14, 2007.

14. PRAZMA is described as follows:

Name:	TAMERA ANNE PRAZMA
Race:	White

Sex:	Female
Date of Birth:	July 6, 1970
Height:	5'2"
Weight:	200 pounds
Hair:	Blonde
Eyes:	Brown
Social Security #:	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
Residence:	964 - 12th Street Imperial Beach, California

15. On Friday, October 26, 2007, a search warrant was obtained to search PRAZMA's residence. During the execution of the search warrant I interviewed PRAZMA's husband, RANDY PRAZMA. RANDY PRAZMA was shown a surveillance photograph of the individual who robbed the Washington Mutual Bank, 2644 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, California, on September 14, 2007. RANDY PRAZMA stated that the shirt worn by the female robber as depicted in the photograph was in fact his shirt. RANDY PRAZMA advised that he last saw that shirt approximately three or four weeks ago inside his blue Ford F150 pickup truck. A search of the residence and the pickup truck believed to have been used in the bank robbery did not recover the shirt. RANDY PRAZMA further advised it was his opinion that if TAMERA PRAZMA was attempting to hide anything from him, she would likely hide it in her work desk at Geico, 14111 Danielson Street, Poway, California 92064.

16. On November 5, 2007, the affiant was advised as follows: On November 5, 2007, FBI S/A Victor Nguyen interviewed a supervisor at Geico, 14111 Danielson Street, Poway, California. The supervisor confirmed that TAMERA PRAZMA is employed at Geico, and that her desk assignment is identified as Cubicle Assignment 1E-254, which is located on the 1st Floor, East Section, 14111 Danielson Street, Poway, California. The supervisor advised he was aware that TAMERA PRAZMA is currently in custody, and he confirmed that her desk and it's contents have not been disturbed since she last reported to

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work.

17. I was advised during the course of my investigation on September 15, 2007, that the deposits of the Washington Mutual Bank, 2644 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, California, were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) at the time of the robbery on September 14, 2007. The Washington Mutual Bank suffered a loss of $5,700.00 as a result of that robbery. This affidavit is made in support of an application for a warrant to search TAMERA PRAZMA's desk at Geico, 14111 Danielson Street, Poway, California 92064.

V. CONCLUSION

18. Based upon the information contained in this affidavit, I believe there is probable cause to believe that Prazma robbed the Washington Mutual Bank, 2644 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, California, on September 14, 2007, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2113(a).

19. Based on my training and experience, discussions with other law enforcement agents, and the statements of RANDY PRAZMA, I believe that TAMERA PRAZMA may maintain proceeds, evidence of expenditure of those proceeds, disguises used during the robbery, clothing worn during the robbery, and practice demand notes at her place of employment.

David J. Eaton, FBI

David J. Eaton, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Diego, California

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
BEFORE ME THIS 7th DAY
OF November, 2007

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA